



RYE GOLF CLUB

**MEMBER
HANDBOOK**

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WELCOME TO RYE GOLF CLUB

Introduction

In 1965, the City of Rye purchased the 127-acre Country Club. Today Rye Golf Club is a self-sustaining City Enterprise Fund. The Club receives no financial or tax dollar support from the City and is operated as a municipally owned private club.

Rye Golf Club offers a challenging 18-hole Devereux Emmet golf course overlooking Long Island Sound, practice areas, Olympic-size swimming pool, wading pool, socializing and play areas. The contemporary style main building houses the administration offices, member lounge, pool locker rooms and snack bar. The golf shop and golf locker rooms are located in the golf building. These amenities are for the use of members and their guests.

Whitby Castle, the historic stone building located on the premises, was designed by architect Alexander Davis, in 1852. The Castle contains a restaurant with intimate dining areas and full service catering facilities.

Governance

Management of the Rye Golf Club is under the direct supervision of the Club's General Manager. A nine-member member elected Commission, makes recommendations, adopts rules, regulations, and reviews annual budgets. The Commission convenes at open meetings usually held on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

Mission Statement

To provide high quality services and an enjoyable family friendly club atmosphere while keeping attuned to the changing needs of its members.

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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

For the purpose of membership:

- “Resident” is defined as, residing (legal domicile) solely within the physical boundaries of the City of Rye. Ownership of real property or mailing address may not constitute residency. See resident application for complete details.
- “Non-Resident” are all those who are not residents.
- “Dependent Child” refers to unmarried dependent children age twenty-two (22) and younger as of January 1st of the membership year residing in the same dwelling unit. Proof of residency is required.
- “Family” refers to primary member, spouse and dependent children. Proof of residency is required.
- Primary member for all categories of membership must be a minimum of eighteen (18) years of age unless noted.

Comprehensive Membership:

- Permits unlimited use of the golf course and pool facilities by family members (see age requirements).

Individual Daily Golf Membership:

- Permits unlimited use of the golf course by an individual.
- No pool privileges Included.

Individual Weekday Golf Membership:

- Permits unlimited use of the golf course by an individual Monday thru Friday excluding posted holidays.
- No pool privileges Included.

Junior Golf Membership: (resident only)

- This category of membership is available to persons ages thirteen to seventeen as of January 1st of the membership year.
- Permits unlimited use of the golf course.
- Junior golf members may only bring junior guests.
- See junior golf section for times and restrictions.
- No pool privileges Included.

Family Pool Membership:

- Permits unlimited use of pool facilities by family members (see age requirements).
- No golf privileges included.

Pool For Two Family Membership: (resident only)

- Permits unlimited use of pool facilities by two specified family members (spouse/spouse or parent/dependent child only) residing in the same dwelling unit.
- No golf privileges included.

Individual Pool Membership:

- Permits unlimited use of pool facilities by an individual.
- No golf privileges included.

Junior Pool Membership: (resident only)

- This category of membership is available to person's ages thirteen to seventeen as of January 1st of the membership year.
- Permits unlimited use of the pool facilities.
- Junior pool members may only bring junior guests.
- See junior pool section for times and restrictions.
- No golf privileges included.

Individual Daily Fee Membership: (resident only)

- Permits limited use of the golf course and pool facilities with the payment of guest fees.
- Restrictions:
 - No prime time play.
 - Maximum of six rounds of golf per year.
 - Maximum of six pool visits per year.
 - Maximum of three guests per visit (see guest policy).

Child Care Provider:

- Available with Comprehensive or Family Pool membership only.
- Child Care Provider (CCP) has no membership privilege.
- Member's children must accompany CCP.
- CCP is not transferable and must be named at time of registration.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

- Current members will receive renewal application and information by mail. Information will include renewal procedures, fee schedule, payment and other pertinent information.
- Rye Golf Club is not responsible for postal delays or non-delivery. If your information is not received by March 1st please call the club.
- All applications must be filled out completely, with all the requested documents attached in order to be processed.

MEMBER CHARGE ACCOUNT

- Rye Golf Club is a cashless club.
- Payment for golf car, guests, USGA handicap and other applicable services, fees or products purchased must be settled through an established member account.
- If no account is established, the member will have no charging or guest privileges.
- No exceptions will be made.

GENERAL RULES

1. Members must adhere to all club rules, policies and procedures that have been adopted or revised by the commission or management.
2. Members must comply readily and politely with staff requests relative to the operation or safety of the club, its property, members, guests or staff.
3. Rye Golf Club has a zero tolerance harassment policy; physical contact of any type, obscene or abusive language or actions toward staff, other members or guests will not be tolerated.
4. Posted signs, directions and markings must be adhered to.
5. No persons may give instruction of any type unless authorized by management.
6. Tables on snack bar terrace are for use of snack bar patrons only.
7. Only alcoholic beverages purchased through club facilities may be consumed on club property. All others may be confiscated and offenders asked to leave.
8. No coolers allowed.

9. Food delivery and outside catering is prohibited. All catered events must be arranged through club facilities.
10. Proper attire is required throughout the club at all times (see dress code).
11. Disrobing in public or parking areas is not permitted. Please use locker rooms.
12. Smoking is prohibited in all buildings as well as all outside designated eating areas.
13. Members must have their membership card in their possession at all times while using club facilities as well as when checking in at the golf shop, with the Starter or entering the pool complex.
14. Membership cards may only be used by the member it is assigned to. Any misuse of your membership card may result in suspension or loss of membership privileges.
15. You must present your membership card to any staff member upon their request.
16. Members may be required to attend an orientation seminar prior to using club facilities or any time management deems necessary.
17. All members are responsible for informing and assuring their guests comply with all club rules, policies and procedures. In the event of a violation by a guest the member will be subject to disciplinary action.
18. No rain checks or refunds will be issued under any circumstances.
19. No cell phones permitted on the golf course or inside buildings or locker rooms. Pagers and PDA devices are allowed provided they are set on vibrate or a non-sounding alert.
20. Cell phone use at the club is restricted to the following designated areas only.
 - Within the boundaries of the parking lots.
 - Snack bar area.
 - On the grass areas within the fenced in pool complex.Violation of this rule will result in a warning for the first offense and an automatic one-week suspension for the second offense. Subsequent offenses will result in an automatic two-week suspension and mandatory appearance before the Rules Committee for further disciplinary action.
21. Members must clean up after themselves and deposit all litter in appropriate receptacles.
22. No pets allowed.
23. Skateboards, scooters, inline skates and such are prohibited.
24. Hiking, riding bikes, sleighriding and such activities on golf course are prohibited.
25. The Club is not responsible for articles lost or stolen from locker rooms.
26. Rye Golf Club has a strict no refund policy.
27. All members and their guests participate at their own risk. The Golf Club/ City of Rye does not carry accident insurance.

DRESS CODE

1. Proper attire throughout the club is required at all times. "Proper Attire" - dress slacks, chino style pants, skorts and walking shorts that are no more than six inches above the knee, golf shirts and tailored shirts are acceptable. Strapless, halter or underwear- type shirts, denim of any color, sweat pants, fatigue type pants, swimsuits and cut-offs are prohibited.
2. Golf Course
 - Proper golf attire is required at all times (refer to above).
 - Shirts with collars must be worn and tucked in at all times by men.
 - No metal spikes allowed.
3. Proper swim wear is required and permitted in pool area only. No jeans, cut offs, frayed clothing permitted.
4. Disrobing in public or parking areas is not permitted. Please use locker rooms.

GUEST POLICIES

1. Only members with an established account may bring guests.
2. All guests, regardless of age must be registered and accompanied by the sponsoring member at all times (see age requirements).
3. All guest fees must be paid through the established members account only.
4. Golf weekend guest fees apply to Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
5. Guests may be required to show a photo ID.
6. Members may have a maximum of three guests per day.
7. No person may be a guest at the club more than three times in any one month with a maximum of twelve times in one year.
8. Junior golf or junior pool members may only bring junior guests (see junior sections).
9. Junior guests are age seventeen and under.
10. Members are responsible for making certain their guests adhere to all club rules, policies and dress codes.
11. Guest are permitted to play golf after 11:30 AM on weekends and holidays.
12. The Club Manager may authorize additional guest privileges.

MEMBER LOUNGE

1. The Member Lounge is reserved for members' ages 18 and older.
2. The lounge is for the use of member's and their guests.
3. Proper attire must be worn at all times.
4. Hours will fluctuate depending on the time of year.
5. All food and beverage items must be purchased through the snack bar.
6. Members are required to clean up after themselves.
7. No loud or abusive language or behavior.

AGE REQUIREMENTS

1. Children age 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult member at all times.
2. See junior golf section.
3. See junior pool section.
4. Seniors are considered age 62 and older as of January 1st of the membership year.

GOLF RULES

1. Membership identification card must be presented at time of check in.
2. Bag tag identification provided must be affixed and clearly visible on your golf bag.
3. Each player must have their own golf clubs and bag.
4. Only designated areas may be used for practice.
5. No member may use the teaching tee or any other area as a driving range unless accompanied by The Golf Professional or a member of the professional staff.
6. While on the golf course, only one ball may be played.
7. Posted signs must be adhered to.
8. Carry bags may not be placed on tees or greens.
9. All golfers must check in with the Starter prior to playing.
10. Golfers will be grouped with other players to make foursomes whenever possible. Singles, twosomes and threesomes declining to be grouped as requested will be deferred to a later available tee time or denied play.
11. All golfers must start at the first tee at all times unless directed otherwise by the starter.
12. Members paying fees and/or registering their guests must do so in the golf shop prior to checking in with the Starter. Please retain proof of payment until completion of your round.
13. Only those people actively playing golf are allowed on the course. Spectators are permitted only for special events as specified by the Golf Professional.

14. All golfing members may be required to attend a golfing seminar prior to playing on the golf course or at any time management deems necessary.
15. All players participating in club events must possess a USGA handicap.
 - The USGA Handicap System enables golfers of all skill levels to compete on an equitable basis.
 - All scores, including rounds at other courses, tournament and partial round scores must be posted. See Golf Professional or Handicap committee for complete details on Handicap System, posting of scores and penalties.
 - The Handicap committee will monitor players, entry of scores and handicaps.
 - The committee may adjust scores or handicaps as necessary and will determine eligibility for tournaments or events.
 - The committee may disqualify a player from participating in an event with cause.
16. The Golf Professional will resolve all questions on all rules, handicap, conduct or pace of play issues.

GOLF COURSE SCHEDULE

1. Prime time is considered weekends and holidays before 1:00 PM.
2. The golf course hours are subject to change due to the season, length of day, weather or scheduled golf outings or events.
3. All signage and notifications must be adhered to.
4. Changes and closings will be posted ahead of time when possible.
5. For maintenance purpose the golf course will be closed on regularly scheduled days during the season. Days will be posted.
6. Temporary greens or tees must be played as marked.
7. Club management reserves the right to close or restrict play on the golf course at any time. The Club Manager, Greens Superintendent or their designee has full authority to order closings or restrictions.
8. Portions of the course may be closed for maintenance or construction for prolonged periods.

RESERVATIONS SYSTEM

1. Members requesting weekend/holiday starting times must fill out a tee time request card and deposit card in box by 9:00 AM on the Wednesday preceding the weekend/holiday. Starting times will be available and posted Wednesday afternoon. All other requests may be made starting Wednesday after 1:00 PM.
2. Weekday starting times may be reserved one week in advance.
3. If you are unable to keep your starting time, you must cancel your reservation at least 1 hour prior to that time.
4. Players must report to the Starter no less than fifteen minutes prior to their scheduled tee time or the Starter may drop back all or part of the group to a later available time.
5. Those paying fees must do so in the golf shop before reporting to the Starter.
6. Golfers will be grouped with other players to make foursomes whenever possible.
7. Frequent latecomers or no-shows will be subject to loss of tee time reservation privileges.
8. Please check in golf shop or tee time sign up areas for updated or changes in reservation system.

CONDUCT/ ETIQUETTE OF PLAY

1. U.S.G.A. rules prevail whenever not covered by local rules.
2. Golfers are expected to adhere to customary golfing etiquette and demeanor; replace divots, rake bunkers, repair ball marks, enter and exit traps from the lowest point and obey all signs and markings.

- Before leaving a bunker, players should carefully rake over all holes and footprints made by them and any nearby made by others.
 - Players should carefully repair any divot holes made by them and any damage to the putting green made by the impact of a ball (whether or not made by the player himself). On completion of the hole by all players in the group, damage to the putting green caused by golf shoes should be repaired.
 - Players should avoid causing damage to the course by removing divots when taking practice swings or by hitting the head of a club into the ground, whether in anger or for any other reason.
 - In order to avoid damaging the hole, players should not stand too close to the hole and should take care during the handling of the flagstick and the removal of a ball from the hole. The head of a club should not be used to remove a ball from the hole.
 - Players should not lean on their clubs when on the putting green, particularly when removing the ball from the hole.
 - The flagstick should be properly replaced in the hole before players leave the putting green.
3. The Spirit of the Game
- Unlike many sports, golf is played, for the most part, without the supervision of a referee or umpire. The game relies on the integrity of the individual to show consideration for other players and to abide by the Rules. All players should conduct themselves in a disciplined manner, demonstrating courtesy and sportsmanship at all times, irrespective of how competitive they may be. This is the spirit of the game of golf.
4. Delays due to weather or other unforeseen situations are for the safety of the players or to minimize long term effects to the golf course. Please be patient.
 5. No more than four players may play together at any one time.
 6. Play begins at the first tee only unless otherwise directed by staff.
 7. All holes must be played in succession. Skipping or playing holes out of order is prohibited.
 8. Players must obey staff requests, all signage, ropes and markings.
 9. Only one ball may be played.
 10. Players may request permission to play through if a hole is open ahead. Slow players should honor this request.
 11. Golfers may not enter private property to retrieve golf balls.
 12. Players who have stopped after the 12th hole must be ready to tee off on the 13th when the preceding group is out of range. If stop is for a prolonged period of time, other groups may play through and you will be required to check in with golf shop to be slotted back into play.
 13. Please observe extreme caution when playing shots within range of other golfers and staff. Do not hit your ball until those in front of you are out of range.
 14. If a player plays a ball in a direction where there is a danger of hitting someone, he should immediately shout a warning. The traditional word of warning in such a situation is "fore".

PACE OF PLAY

1. It is a group's responsibility to keep up with the group in front.
2. Players should be ready to play as soon as it is their turn to play. When playing on or near the putting green, they should leave their bags or carts in such a position as will enable quick movement off the green and towards the next tee. When the play of a hole has been completed, players should immediately leave the putting green. Scoring should be done at the next tee.
3. If a group is behind, staff may request you pick up and get back into position on the golf course.
4. Staff may request a slower group to let another group play through. This request must be complied with.

5. If a player believes his ball may be lost outside a water hazard or is out of bounds, to save time, he should play a provisional ball.

If players follow these guidelines, it will make the game more enjoyable for everyone. If a player or group consistently disregards these guidelines during a round or over a period of time to the detriment of others, disciplinary action against the offending player or group may be taken. Such action may, include prohibiting play in a certain number of competitions or events, loss of prime time playing privileges or suspension.

JUNIOR GOLF

No one under age five permitted on the course at any time. All junior golfers may be required to attend a golfing seminar prior to playing on the golf course or at anytime management deems necessary.

- 5-10 Years of Age
 - Must play with an adult member at all times.
 - Play after 6:00 PM.
- 11-12 Years of Age
 - Must play with an adult member at all times.
 - Play after 1:00 PM.
- 13-15 Years of Age
 - Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Holidays, play between 1:00 and 3:00 PM with an adult member. After 3:00 PM no restrictions.
 - Tuesday and Wednesday, play after 2:00 PM no restrictions.
 - Monday and Thursday, no time restrictions.
- 16-17 Years of Age
 - Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Holidays, play after 1:00 PM.
 - Tuesday and Wednesday, play after 12:00 noon.
 - Monday and Thursday, no time restrictions.

USE OF GOLF CARS & HANDCARTS

1. No golf cars or handcarts are allowed on tees, slopes of tees, greens, aprons of greens, or bunkers.
2. Near tees and greens, park golf cars and handcarts on cart paths where provided or a minimum of 30 yards away from tees and greens. Handcarts must remain outside greenside bunkers.
3. No more than 2 riders and 2 bags per golf car are permitted at any time.
4. Pulling or towing of handcarts by a golf car is prohibited.
5. Golf cars must remain on paths on the 3rd, 5th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 14th, and 17th holes.
6. Golf cars must be returned immediately upon completion of the round.
7. All golf cars must be returned in the evening by the posted time. Times will vary depending on time of year.
8. No one under the age of 16 may operate a golf car. Staff may require age verification and a driver's license.
9. No golf cars are permitted on any public street except for the crossing between the first green and second tee.
10. Golfers must obey all daily rules and restrictions, signs, directional arrows, ropes and other markings.
11. Reckless driving or failure to obey above may result in forfeiture of use of golf cars or playing privileges.

Violation of any of the aforementioned rules carries an automatic one-week suspension.

WINTER GOLF

1. Winter golf rules take effect when golf shop closed for the season.
2. The course is only open to Rye Golf Club golf members. No guests are permitted.
3. Players may only use temporary tees and temporary greens as marked.
4. Hitting more than one ball is prohibited.
5. No member may use the teaching tee or any other area as a driving range.
6. Posted signs, directions, markings and ropes must be adhered to.
7. Member must carry membership card at all times. Golfers who do not have their membership card with them will be asked to leave the course.
8. Requests of staff must be complied with at all times.
9. Anyone in violation of the rules will be suspended and subject to further disciplinary action.

POOL SCHEDULE

1. Pool season is the Saturday preceding Memorial Day through the Sunday after Labor Day.
2. The pool hours are subject to change through the season due to length of day, weather or scheduled events. Normal operation hours will be posted.
3. Locker rooms close promptly after pool closing so please plan accordingly.
4. All signage and notifications must be adhered to.
5. Club management reserves the right to close or restrict pool usage at any time. The Club Manager or his designee has full authority to order closings or restrictions.
6. Members who violate or otherwise disregard such restrictions or closings shall be suspended.

PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

- Inquire at pool office or Member Service for swim team, special programs and activities.

JUNIOR POOL

1. Children age 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult member at all times.
2. Swimming should be done under the supervision of an adult at all time for safety reasons.

POOL FACILITY RULES

1. Children who are not toilet trained must wear a swim diaper and bathing suit at all times.
2. No acrobatics or horseplay allowed in or around pool.
3. Diving permitted off diving boards only. No diving allowed in the shallow end of pool, from sides of the pool, ladders or sides of the diving boards.
4. No swimming allowed in the diving area.
5. No one may use the diving boards unless they know how to swim and can safely swim to side of pool.
6. Only one person allowed on diving board at a time. Diver must check the area in front of the board is clear before diving. After executing a dive, swim to the nearest ladder and exit pool.
7. Only forward dives permitted off diving boards, unless diver is accompanied by Rye Golf Club staff.
8. The lap lanes may only be used for swimming laps. Kickboards, hand paddles, pull buoys, masks, fins and snorkels are allowed for lap swimming only, but only for their intended purpose.
9. Swimming across the lanes at right angles is prohibited.
10. Children may use YMCA bubbles, or US Coast Guard approved personal flotation devices in the shallow end of the main pool only and an adult must be in the water with child wearing such devices at all times.
11. Diaper changing must be performed in designated areas only.

12. Starting blocks may only be used during organized competitions or practice.
13. Toys and balls are not allowed in the main pool.
14. No glass of any kind is allowed in the pool area.
15. Anyone participating in a special program or activity must adhere to the specific rules established for that activity.
16. All rules instituted by the Board of Health and Rye Golf Club must be strictly adhered to.
17. No personal chairs may be brought into the pool area.
18. Chairs provided may not be used for footrests, towel racks or saved for other people. Give up chairs for others if not being used.
19. Keep the pool deck free of personal articles or equipment.
20. Radios, compact disc and tape players must be operated with earphones.
21. No smoking or food in the locker rooms.
22. Nothing may be left in locker rooms overnight unless stored in lockers assigned to seasonal locker holders.
23. Swimming can be dangerous. Please be aware of what is going on around you and keep your eye on children and family members.

RULES VIOLATIONS

1. Members eighteen and older shall be held responsible for their own conduct and actions and the conduct and actions of their children, other minors (under age eighteen) in their charge, and that of all guests using Rye Golf Club facilities as a result of their membership.
2. Responsibility for damages to real or personal property situated on the Rye Golf Club premises caused by a member or their guest shall include but not be limited to repair or replacement. The Club Manager will determine if damaged property shall be replaced or repaired and will determine the actual cost of such.
3. Members must adhere to all club rules, policies and procedures that have been adopted or revised by the Commission. Staff will enforce all rules as stated herein. Members who violate such rules must comply with staff requests and shall be subject to disciplinary action by Management as adopted by the Commission. If member does not comply with Management, member will be required to appear before the Commission, or Committee thereof for further disciplinary action.
4. Members in violation of any rule are subject to the following:
 - Verbal warning may be given but not required.
 - Required to leave the property.
 - Suspension of playing privileges.
 - Suspension of pool use.
 - Suspension of golf car use.
 - Suspension of club use.
 - Restricted from participating in events.

For initial violation, suspension of privileges will not exceed one week as issued by Management, However if member is required to appear before the Commission or Committee thereof suspension may be increased. For subsequent offenses suspensions will be increased and member will be required to appear before Commission or Committee thereof.. No refund of fees will be made. Further action may be taken by the Commission or Committee thereof if deemed necessary.

Refusal to accept the findings and the penalty imposed will result in member appearing before the Commission or Committee thereof. If still not resolved, member may request a hearing before the City Manager at which time a penalty up to and including loss of membership, with no refund, may result. The results of the hearing before the City Manager will be publicly posted.